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## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, H. A. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Barker, M. F. ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.

Barker, W. D. ..... State Road, N. C.

Billings, John I. ..... Hays, N. C.

Burcham, C. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Cox, G. R. ..... Thurmond, N. C.

Dameron, Ivan ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.

Dillard, D. M. ..... R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Harrold, J. C. ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Harrold, R. F. ..... Hays, N. C.

Holbrook, Dewey ..... Winston-Salem, N. C.

Miles, Charlie ..... Traphill, N. C.

Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.

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## LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton ..... R. 2., North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Hanks, McKinley ..... Springfield, N. C.

Holbrook, L. B. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Spicer, J. M. ..... R. 1, Traphill, N. C.

Wagoner, Allen ..... McGrady, N. C.

# PROCEEDINGS
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# REGULAR BAPTISTS

Convened with Round Mountain Baptist church, Wilkes County, N. C., October 5, 6 and 7, 1951.

Service introduced by Elder G. W. Brooks, by reading first Corinthians 15: 51 to 58 and offering prayer.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. C. Harrold, Text 1st. Corinthians 3: 11 "For other foundations can no man lay."

Remarks by Elders A. C. Sidden and G. R. Cox.

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house. Songs "Come We that Love the Lord," "Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

Association called to order by Moderator. Elder A. C. Sidden read Matthew 5: 1-16. Prayer by Elder G. M. Tedder.

Called for associational letters 16 were handed in and read by the clerk.

On motion invite newly constituted churches or any Regular Baptist Church of our faith and order. None came.

On motion elect Elder G. R. Cox, moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, clerk, by acclamation.

On motion we invite correspondents of our faith and order to seats with us. A letter from The Union Association of Alleghany County was presented, read and the following came forward and were seated: Elders G. W. Brooks, G. M. Tedder, Brethren Reece Bedsaul, F. M. Joines and R. L. Hendrix.

On motion invite Transients and Visitors of our faith and order to seats with us, Elder John Adams and Brother A. V. Poole came forward and were seated.

On motion we empower the moderator to make all temporary appointments and to appoint a committee of three to write a corresponding letter to the Union Association, add the names of the brethren and present to the Association tomorrow.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Ministry: B. C. Speaks, B. F. Norman, T. N. Royal.

On Finance: M. A. Blackburn, D. L. Holbrook, Clay Royal.

On Arrangements: C. C. Burcham, A. C. Sidden, M. F. Barker, Ivan Dameron, John I. Billings.

On motion Moderator, Clerk and Corresponding brethren are invited to sit with this committee.

On Obituaries: J. H. Stamper, Garnis Miles, J. M. Cockerham.

On Temperance: J. R. Dimmette, A. M. Holbrook, M. W. Brown.

On Time, Place and Preacher: J. S. Roupe, Claude Billings, H. W. Cox.

On Resolutions: A. P. Harrold, Carl Wood, T. A. Miles.

To write corresponding letter and appoint correspondents: G. M. Royal, A. M. Stamper, Charlie Miles.

Committee on ministry report: for tonight, Elder G. M. Tedder, M. C. Dillard. For tomorrow, Ivan Dameron, G. W. Brooks, John Adams.

On motion adjourn until tomorrow 9:30 A. M. spend 30 minutes in devotional exercise.

Moderator called on Elder M. C. Dillard to close the association. Song, Amazing Grace. Prayer by Elder M. C. Dillard.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Service introduced by Elder G. M. Tedder, reading 11th chapter of St. John, and offering prayer.

Sermon by Elder M. C. Dillard, Text: St. John, 12:27 "Now is my soul troubled and what shall I say."

**SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.**

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, spent 30 minutes in singing and prayer.

Association opened by Elder Charlie Miles, reading 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Elder Ivan Dameron.

Association called to order by the moderator.

Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. On motion receive the report and discharge the brethren.

1. Called roll and marked absentees.

2. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches. None came.

3. Extended an inivtation to corresponding brethren of our faith and order. Elder H. F. Royal and Bro. J. R. Miles were seated.

4. Extended an invitation to transients and visitors of our faith and order. Elder W. S. Akers and Bro. S. T. Curry came forward and were seated.

5. On motion elect the clerk treasurer, instruct him to have 1,000 copies of this minute printed and distribute the same according to contribution. He to have $20.00 for his services.

6. Called on committee on Temperance to report. They report: We the committee on Temperance submit the following:

We advise our members to be temperate in thought, word and deed, ready to forgive, and to beware of anything that might tend to lessen their light before the world.

J. R. DIMMETTE
A. M. HOLBROOK
M. W. BROWN, Committee.

Report received.

7. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report: They report 17 handed in. On motion receive the report and order the same printed in the minutes.

8. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report: We your committee on Resolutions report the following:

We thank God for his extended goodness and mercy towards us during the past year and pray these mercies to be extended through the remainder of our unprofitable lives.

That we adhere strictly to the teaching of God's Holy Word.

That we advise our brethren and sisters to attend their church as much as possible.

That we extend a hearty welcome to all Christians that may visit us from time to time.

That we pray for each other and extend a helping hand in time of need.

That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and kind friends of this community for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this association.

A. P. HARROLD
CARL WOOD
T. A. MILES, Committee.

Report received.

9. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report: For Saturday night: Reece Bedsaul, C. C. Burcham, W. S. Akers.

For Sunday: A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, H. F. Royal, Moderator to close.

Report received.

10. Called for corresponding letter to The Union Association.

On motion receive the letter as follows:

## LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

To The Union Baptist Association,
Of Alleghany County, N. C.

Greetings:

We, The Primitive Baptist Association, now in session, being desirous of a continuation of a Christian correspondence with your body, that we may be strengthened thereby and that we may help

both you and ourselves to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, have chosen of our brethren to bear this letter to you as follows: Elder A. C. Sidden, Elder G. R. Cox, Elder Charlie Miles, Brother G. M. Royal, Elder Ivan Dameron, Brother, J. N. Royal.

We hope you will receive the brethren with this letter and that their presence among you may strengthen the ties of mutual love and fellowship between us.

Love and peace seems to be present among us at this sitting, please pray that it may increase, grow stronger and abound to the honor and glory of God.

May peace and love ever abound with you.

Done by order of the association and assigned in behalf of the same, this the 6th day of October, 1951.

GUY R. COX, Moderator.
CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

The next session of The Union Baptist Association will be held with Meadow Creek Union Baptist Church, near Independence, Va., beginning on Friday, 11:00 A. M. before the third Sunday in September, 1952.

11. Called on correspondents of last year to report; Elders G. R. Cox, Charlie Miles and Brother G. M. Royall, report having attended and were kindly received. They found the brethren in peace.

On motion receive the report of the brethren and excuse those who failed to go.

12. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They report received from the churches $109.76.

CLAY ROYAL,
D. L. HOLBROOK,
M. A. BLACKBURN, Committee.

Report received.

13. On motion we print in the minutes each year the time and place where the association is to be held of the association with which we are in correspondence.

14. On motion we print our corresponding letter in our minutes.

15. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. Report follows:

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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| Balance in hands of Treasurer from 1950 | $ 80.36 | |
| Received from Finance Committee 1950 | $122.06 | |
| Total | | $202.42 |
| Paid for printing minutes | $111.00 | |
| Clerks fees | $ 20.00 | |
| Total | | $131.00 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer | | $ 71.42 |

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1950.

Report received.

16. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report: We your committee on Time, Place and Preacher report: Place, Rachael Church; Time, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1952. To preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Charlie Miles; Alternate, Elder Ivan Dameron.

J. S. ROUPE,
CLAUDE BILLINGS,
H. W. COX, Committee.

Report received.

17. On motion dispense with reading minutes.

18. On motion adjourn at the close of preaching service today.

Closing prayer by Elder W. S. Akers. Benediction by Elder M. F. Barker.

ELDER G. R. COX, Moderator.
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk.

**SATURDAY, 1:00 P. M.**

Service introduced by Elder Ivan Dameron, reading Matthew, 22:1-14. Prayer by Elder H. F. Royal. First sermon by Elder G. W. Brooks. Text St. John, 14:18 "I will not leave you comfortless." Second sermon Elder John Adams, Text Psalms 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house." Remarks by Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. S. Akers, Benediction by Elder M. F. Barker.

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

Services introduced by Elder C. C. Burcham, reading Hebrews 11:1-14. Prayer by Elder M. C. Dillard.

First sermon by Brother Reece Bedsaul. Text, Proverbs, 25:25 "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

Second sermon by Elder W. S. Akers. Text, 1st Corinthians, 15:21 "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."

**SUNDAY 10:30 A. M.**

Song Service 30 minutes.

Service introduced by Elder A. C. Sidden making timely remarks, singing a song and offering prayer.

First sermon by Elder Charlie Miles. Text, Isaiah, 25:9 "This is our God."

Second sermon by Elder H. F. Royal. Text, 1st Peter 5:4 "When the chief shepherd shall appear."

Third Sermon by Elder G. R. Cox. Text, 1st Peter, 1:18 "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things."

Song and parting hand shake.

Benediction by Brother C. S. McKnight.

## ROLL OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH—T. N. Royal, Lonnie Perry.

AUSTIN—B. C. Speaks, Watson Durham, G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron.

BETHANY—M. A. Blackburn, Curtis Wood, Glenn Wood, Noah Blackburn, E. M. Wiles.

CENTER—S. B. Absher, A. Hincher.

DOUBLE CREEK—D. L. Holbrook, R. M. Wyatt, A. M. Holbrook.

LIBERTY KNOB—J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, Clay Royal, F. A. Royal, Elmer Wood.

MINING RIDGE—S. M. Golden, B. F. Norman.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. H. Stamper, C. A. Stamper, A. M. Stamper.

NEW COVENANT—Garnis Miles, T. A. Miles, M. C. Dillard, Albert Miles, Monroe Shumate.

OAK LEVEL—M. F. Barker, J. M. Cockerham, D. C. Gentry, J. M. Thomas.

RACHAEL—Curtis Johnson, J. R. Dimmette, Carl Wood, J. G. Billings.

ROARING RIVER—L. H. Holbrook, C. C. Sidden, Etta Brown, A. C. Sidden.

ROUND HILL—Ray Pardue, Claude Billings.

ROUND MOUNTAIN—J. C. Felts, J. I. Billings, A. C. Brown, J. S. Roupe, C. C. Burcham.

UNION—Charlie Miles, John R. Royal, H. W. Cox.

ZION—A. P. Harrold, J. A. Harrold, R. F. Harrold.

## OBITUARIES

### ABSHER

Daniel Alex Absher, son of the late Benjamin Absher and Nancy Brown, born January 23, 1865. Died January 29, 1851. Age 85 years, seven days.

Married to Sarah Malinda Jolly, December 25, 1887, who preceded him in death six years. To this union was born nine children, Myrtle L. Luffman, deceased, Jettie Watson, Sparta, N. C., Benjamin Blaine Absher, Elkin, N. C., Jackson Curtis Absher, deceased, Lillie L. Dickson, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Zell Frost, Galax, Va., Mary Burchette Highrock, Pa., Carl Absher, Roaring River, N. C., and Nancy A Wagoner, Roaring River, N. C.

He had 58 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Oak Level church in early life, where he remained a faithful and helpful mem-

ber until his health failed. He was a Bible teacher for years. The church surely has missed him since his health failed.

Farewell dear children and grandchildren,
To me you were dear,
No more I will lead while you stay here,
But for me do not lament or sigh,
Meet me in Heaven in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by a granddaughter, Mrs. Bernice Jolly

**ADAMS**

James Calvin Adams, son of the late Franklin and Emily Tinsley Adams, born January 11, 1875. Died December 23, 1949. Age 74 years, 11 months, 12 days.

On December 23, 1894, he was married to Miss Ellen Wood. To this union were born five children, two now living, Mrs. Cora Shumate and Bob Adams, North Wilkesboro, Route 2, N. C.

One daughter and two sons preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife and two children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His only sister, Mrs. Sarah Brown, preceded him in death March 25, 1949.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Center Baptist Church about 46 years ago, where he remained a member until death. He was an active member as long as his health permitted.

He was a kind husband and a loving father and a good neighbor and was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral services was held at Center Baptist Church by the pastor, Elder D. M. Dillard, assisted by Elder Watson Bryant. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Dear husband and father is gone,
Oh how sad, how sad,
And our hearts are grieved with pain,
The pain of death has passed,
Labor and sorrow ceased,
Life's toil closed at last.

He has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more,
Gone to meet Jesus and loved ones,
On that bright celestial shore.

Written by a granddaughter, Mrs. Levia S. Reeves

**HARROLD**

Sgt. John H. Harrold, born October 1, 1915, Died April 2, 1950. Son of Avery and Vertie Harrold. Died in the armed forces at Fort Bragg, N. C., age 35 years, six months, two days.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Zion Baptist Church,

September 1941. He was married to Ruth Dillard and to this union were born three children, Alma, Louise and Bettie Lee.

He leaves his father, step-mother, four sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

The dear son is gone how sad, how sad,
While we pass through the circle of years,
Let us all look Heavenward and be glad,
He is beyond all his toils and tears.
And since we know, he has suffered so,
To him it is relief,
His vacant seat our eyes now meet.
'Tis ours to bear the grief.

While we still wait, outside the gate,
Where troubles o'er us roll,
He will abide at his Saviours side,
A happy ransomed soul.
While we drop for him a sorrowing tear,
And bid his face good bye,
May we lose our fears and dry our tears,
As we look to joy on high.

Written by his father

**PRUITT**

Mollie Combs Pruitt, daughter of Wesley Combs, born November 14, 1876, died July 12, 1951. Age 74 years, eight months.

She professed a hope in Christ in 1888 and united with Traphill Baptist Church. She joined Austin Baptist Church in 1928, where she remained a faithful member until her passing.

Married to Charlie Pruitt, June, 1904. To this union was born three children, two living, one dead, Paul Pruitt, Traphill, Mrs. G. F. Lyon, Traphill, N. C. Four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She leaves five brothers, Jackson Combs, Draper, N. C., John Combs, Thomasville, N. C., Arthur Combs, Anowalt, W. Va., Calloway Combs, Greensboro, N. C., Fernando Combs, Wise, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Connie Griffith, Pound, Va., Mrs. Annie Hinson, Yadkinville, N. C.

She was a good wife, mother and neighbor and loved her children and often praised the good Lord for His many blessings.

**BREWER**

Sarah Ann Salina Henderson Brewer, born December 8, 1865. Died June 11, 1950. Age 84 years, six months, three days.

Married to William Vance Brewer, December 14, 1882, who preceded her in death, March 31, 1948. To this union was born 11 children, five dead, six living: Thomas Brewer, North Wilkesboro, Route 2, N. C., Mrs. E. F. Crafford and Mrs. W. L. Page, Winston-Salem, N. C., Allie Brewer, Beatrice Brewer, Gladys Brewer, of the home; three sisters, Mrs. D. C. Johnson, Ervin, Tenn., Mrs. Dalton Byrd of Virginia, Mrs. Nora Bell, Greensboro, N. C.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Bethany Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member as long as her health would permit. She would read the Bible and talk to others

about Christ, our Lord. After she got so she could not go, she would thank the Lord for everything that was done for her and pray for everybody. She leaves many friends and loved ones, as she was a loving wife, a good neighbor and loving mother.

Funeral services were conducted at Rock Creek church by Elders A. B. Hayes and Jimmie Bryant after which her body was laid by the side of her husband.

She has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more,
Gone to meet Jesus and her loved ones,
On that bright eternal shore.

Dear mother you are gone from us,
Never more in our home you will be,
But never will memory fade,
Around the grave where you are laid.

**VANNOY**

Eulah Alice Vannoy, born February 20, 1869. Died November 2, 1950. Age 81 years, eight months, 12 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Elk Spur Baptist Church in early life, later moved her membership to Liberty Knob where she remained 'till death. She attended her church regularly until her health failed. After she could not go to church, she was so glad for the preachers to come into her home and hold services. She enjoyed her friends and neighbors to visit in her home and always made them feel welcome. She was bedfast about eight months but bore her suffering with patience. She said she longed to go home, away from her suffering.

She leaves three sisters: Mrs. Carrie Hutchinson, Joynes, N. C., Mrs. Nannie Myers, Hays, N. C., Miss Maggie Vannoy, Traphill, N. C., and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Dear Ones don't weep for me,
Just look beyond the grave,
To a land of happiness,
Where there'll be no more
suffering, heartaches and tears.

**McBRIDE**

Ida R. Spicer McBride, daughter of the late Zacharias and Paulina Hall Spicer, was born April 26, 1878. Died July 29, 1951. Age 73 years, three months and three days.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with Traphill Baptist Church in early life, later moved her membership to Roaring River Baptist Church, where she remained until death.

Married to John R. McBride, November 17, 1906. To this union were born three children, one died at three years of age. Two are living, Mrs. Edna McBride Luffman, and John Robert McBride of the home. Also five grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers

Charlie M. Spicer and William M. Spicer of Traphill, N. C., and one sister, Mrs. Alice Harris, Glade Valley, N. C.

Dear mother, how we loved you
There is no tongue can tell,
How it grieved our hearts
When you left us and had to say farewell.

Oh the house is so lonely,
And our hearts are so sad,
But we hope to meet you
In that happy land so fair,
For there will be no parting
In that home over there.

**SHUMATE**

Vernie Richardson Shumate, born August 11, 1900. Died February 7, 1951. Age 50 years, five months, 27 days.

Married to Center Shumate, March 21, 1925. To this union were born twelve children, eleven now living.

In early life she professed a hope in Christ and united with Round Hill Church. In 1935 she united with New Covenant Church by letter, and remained a faithful member until death.

Her body was laid to rest in New Covenant cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

Dear husband and children my life is passed,
You loved me dearly until the last,
Weep not for me, but pity take,
And love each other for my sake.

Death breaks the ties of strongest love,
Fills our hearts with grief and pain,
But those who meet in Heaven above,
Will never part again.
Gone but not forgotten.

**WILES**

Dossie Ellen Wood Wiles, daughter of Rev. James O. and Fannie Wood, was born July 11, 1880. Died October 21, 1949. She was sixty-nine years, three months, and ten days old.

She was married to E. M. Wiles, and to this union were born six children. Five of which are still living.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Bethany Church July 27, 1893 by baptism, and remained a faithful member until death.

Mother is not dead; she is only sleeping
There will be no sorrows in Heaven
No care to darken the way.
God's love will be the light
Throughout that eternal day.

There'll be no parting in Heaven
Nor time and space count no more
God's love will there reunite us
With dear ones who have gone before.

Then friends so dear who are so near
To Christ do humbly bow.
Please do not wait until too late
There is no time but now.

## HARROLD

Henry Elmore Harrold, born August 16, 1865. Died August 11, 1951, age 85 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Myra Emaline Shumate Harrold, his wife, born January 16, 1867, died July 8, 1951. Age 84 years, five months, 22 days.

They professed a hope in Christ and joined Center Baptist Church in 1908, and were faithful members until death.

They were married December 27, 1893. To this union were born five boys and five girls, one boy died in infancy. Henry Russell Harrold died at the age of seven years. Surviving are: Finley R. Harrold, Mrs. Otto Elledge, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. Robert Kyle, Durham, Ky.; Mrs. Clyde Tinsley, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Spencer McGrady, Mrs. Warner Elledge, William R. and Trealy E. Harrold, North Wilkesboro, Route 1, N. C.

## NICHOLSON

Thomas Asberry Nickolson, born July 18, 1872. Died January 28, 1950. Age 77 years, six months and 10 days.

United with Piney Grove Baptist Church in 1892, later moved to Roaring River Baptist Church, where his membership stayed until death. Married to Eliza Jane Casey February 8, 1888. To this union were born six children, all living: Hattie E. Andrews, Dublin, Va.; James W. Nickolson, Joynes, N. C., Viola Johnson, Joynes, N. C., J. Dewey Nickolson and Mrs. Pearl Joines of Thurmond, N. C., and Ray Adams, Elfland, N. C.

Was injured so he could not hear for 28 years.

'Twas not his choice, to hear no voice,
Or live away from sound,
But a fatal blow, injured him so,
No remedy could be found.

He bore his cross, nor moaned his loss,
And still made much of life,
His children dear, to him were near,
He loved his faithful wife.

It was our grief, but his relief,
To meet a natural death,
May we meet up there, in a land so fair,
And praise with every breath.

## BROOKS

William C. Brooks, born February 26, 1881. Died August 3, 1951, making his stay on earth 70 years, five months, seven days.

He was first married to Celia Pruitt, August 2, 1889, who preceded him in death September 19, 1948. To this union were born five children, two dead and three living: Mrs. Robert Cheatwood, Traphill, N. C., Mrs. Ralph Holbrook, Traphill, N. C., and Ezra Brooks, Traphill, N. C. The dead are Mrs. Esta Bauguess and Mrs. Elva Brown.

His second marriage was to Bonnie Dollinger in 1948.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River church September 24, 1915, where he remained a member until death.

He leaves a dear wife, three children and one brother, Arlie

Brooks of Traphill, N. C., to mourn their loss, while it is our loss we believe it is his eternal gain.

He has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more,
Gone to be with Jesus and loved ones,
On that bright Celestial shore.

## SIDDEN

Nancy Yale Sidden, daughter of the late Jesse and Fannie Spicer Yale, born January 16, 1869. Died July 26, 1951. Age 82 years, six months, 10 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River Baptist Church, where she remained a member until death.

She was married to Abraham L. Sidden, April 11, 1889. Unto this union were born eleven children.

She leaves to mourn their loss: Mrs. G. C. Pendry, Hays, N. C., Mrs. B. H. Caudill, Traphill, N. C., Rev. A. C. Sidden of the home, C. C. Sidden, North Wilkesboro, N. C, J. T. and Earl Sidden of Winston-Salem, N. C., J. W. and R. A. Sidden of Joynes, N. C., Mrs. Elmira Hanks, Springfield, N. C., and Mrs. Carrie Venable, Hillsville, Va.

One son, Charlie Sidden, preceded her in death.

She also leaves four brothers and two sisters: E. Y. Yale and John H. Yale, Traphill, N. C., A. C. Yale, Hays, N. C., and Rev. J. W. Yale, North Wilkesboro, N. C., Mrs Fannie Truitt, Roaring River, N. C., and Mrs. C. Y. Miller, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Our loss is her eternal gain.

Finished on earth one more race,
Another soldier mustered out,
Filled in Heaven another place,
Of this we have no doubt.

So kind, so meek and filled with love,
So ready to forgive,
So like the angels who live above,
With them she will ever live.

## HARROLD

J. M. Harrold, born February 13, 1877. Died June 6, 1951. Age 74 years, three months and 24 days.

First married to Elizabeth Myers. To this union were born five children, three living, Floyd, Letch and May.

His first wife and two children preceded him in death. Later married Clara Byrd; to this union were born two children, Sina and Della.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Zion Baptist Church, where his membership remained until death.

He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his passing.

He was loved by all who knew him and was a kind husband and loving father.

## CARTER

Mrs. Leota Norman Carter, born July 17, 1873. A daughter of the late Franklin and Phoebe Lewis Norman. Died February 27, 1951.

She joined Mining Ridge Baptist Church years ago and remained a member until death.

Surviving are a son, Reece Carter, Elkin, Route 2; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three half-brothers, Barney, Fred and James Norman, of State Road, N. C.; three half-sisters, Mrs. Ada Snow, Elkin, N. C., Mrs. Nancy Wilmoth, Leaksville, N. C., Mrs. Cora Welborn, State Road, N. C.

Funeral conducted at Shoaly Branch Church, by Elders Woodrow Wishon, J. E. Hays and Charlie Miles.

## SIDDEN

Charlie Rufus Sidden, son of A. L. and Nancy Yale Sidden, was born February 18, 1915. Died March 9, 1951. Age 36 years, 21 days. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River Baptist Church, November 25, 1928 where his membership remained until death.

He married Miss Gladys Hanks, September 24, 1933. To this union were born four children. One died in infancy. He leaves his wife, Gladys, two sons, James and Charles, and one daughter, Margaret, all of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Farewell Gladys, Farewell children, may you all meet in heaven and be reunited there.

## WINTERS

Ruth Sidden Winters, daughter of C. C. and Joyce Holbrook Sidden, was born April 5, 1928. Died June 27, 1949. Age 21 years, two months and 22 days. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Roaring River Church August 1, 1940, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was married to Glenn S. Winters October 5, 1947. To this union was born one child, Donald.

Only a few days before Ruth's marriage, the writer was entertained in the home of her father and mother and had the pleasure of observing the beautiful Christian virtues exhibited in her young life. She seemed a marvel of kindness and friendliness.

Through the righteousness of Jesus Christ we believe she went on to glory to grace it with her lovely presence forever-more.

W. S. Akers

## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who will be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if

necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

| CHURCHES | SUPERINTENDENT | SECRETARY | No. Teachers | No. Enrolled | Average Attendance | Months Kept Open |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | Bill Orsbon | Lonnie Perry | 3 | 40 | 35 | 12 |
| Austin | B. C. Speaks | Bertha Caudill | 4 | 86 | 50 | 12 |
| Bethany | Glenn Wood | Pearl Caudill | 3 | 64 | 40 | 12 |
| Center | J. H. Reavis | Rosa Lee Shumate | 6 | 98 | 65 | 12 |
| Mining Ridge | Haden Moxley | Eavon Smith | 3 | 60 | 35 | 12 |
| Oak Level | Alton Carter | Lottie Lee Barker | 6 | 90 | 67 | 12 |
| Rachael | Curtis Johnson | Bonnie Ree Howard | 4 | 70 | 38 | 12 |
| Round Hill | Ray Pardue | Eddie Holbrook | 3 | 45 | 35 | 8 |
| Round Mountain | J. I. Billings | Jessie Brown | 2 | 50 | 25 | 6 |
| Union | John R. Royall | H. W. Cox | 4 | 60 | 45 | 12 |
| | | TOTAL | 38 | 663 | 435 | 11 |

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS AND ADDRESSES | Ordained Ministers | Licentiates | Sat. of Ch. Meeting | Received by Baptism | Received by Letter | Received by Application | Restored | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Members | Contributions | Time of Communion Meeting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | Lon Billings, Virgil Jenkins | Lonnie Perry, McGrady | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 41 | 4.00 | Sept. |
| Austin | G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron | B. C. Speaks, Traphill | 2 | .... | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 10.50 | July |
| Bethany | Hillery Blevins | Curtis L. Wood, N. Wilkesboro | .... | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | .... | .... | 8 | 3 | .... | 115 | 10.00 | July |
| Center | D. M. Dillard | S. B. Absher, N. Wilkesboro | 2 | .... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | 4 | .... | 3 | 151 | 5.00 | Aug. |
| Double Creek | Arthur Gambill, Ivan Dameron | A. M. Holbrook, Abshers | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 48 | 4.50 | Aug. |
| Liberty Knob | A. F. Walker, Cleo Crouse | J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap | .... | .... | 3 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | 44 | 8.00 | Aug. |
| Mining Ridge | G. R. Cox | S. M. Golden, State Road | 1 | .... | 2 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 28 | 3.00 | Aug. |
| | Arthur Gambill, Uriah Hanks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Aug. |
| Mountain Valley | Lonnie Felts | J. H. Stamper, McGrady | .... | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | .... | .... | 80 | 6.00 | |
| New Covenant | G. R. Cox | T. A. Miles, Dockery | 1 | .... | 3 | 6 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 124 | 5.50 | Aug. |
| Oak Level | M. F. Barker, E. R. Wiles | Robert Barker, Roaring River | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 109 | 10.50 | Aug. |
| Rachael | Charlie Miles | Curtis Johnson, Roaring River | .... | .... | 1 | 7 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 178 | 5.56 | Aug. |
| Roaring River | A. C. Sidden, Ivan Dameron | Etta Brown, Traphill | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 3 | 132 | 12.20 | Aug. |
| Round Hill | L. E. Sparks | A. R. Pardue, Traphill | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 112 | 3.50 | July |
| Round Mountain | A. C. Sidden, M. C. Dillard | J. C. Felts, Hays | 4 | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 77 | 7.50 | Aug. |
| Union | Charlie Miles | John R. Royal, Thurmond | 1 | .... | 2 | 0 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 45 | 8.00 | Aug. |
| Zion | R. F. Harrold, D. C. Miller | J. A. Harrold, Hays | 1 | .... | 4 | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 4 | .... | 1 | 69 | 6.00 | July |
| | TOTALS | | 15 | 5 | .... | 29 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 5 | 11 | 1426 | 109.76 | |

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